

## THE NASHVILLE CONVENTION

At the present time the Nashville Convention is much talked of and yet many do not quite understand what it is. For these a short explanation:

At Nashville, Tennessee, from February 28th to March 4th will be held the Fifth International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement. Many will remember the last convention held in Toronto in 1902, which was attended by 2,900 delegates. This year there will be present over 3,000 men and women, representatives of all the universities and colleges of America and the great student centres of Europe and Asia. It promises to be the greatest student convention ever held and will give unrivalled opportunities to study the problems of world-evangelization, while those who attend will have the privilege of meeting the great student leaders. John R. Mott will preside at all the meetings. Besides Mr. Mott, such men as Robert Speer, Bishop McDowell, Harlan P. Beach and Bishop Thorburn, of India, all well known to Toronto men, will address the convention.

Since these conventions are held at intervals of four years, this will be the only opportunity to attend that students now in college will have. A University Committee has made all arrangements for the Toronto delegation. From the Grand Trunk has been obtained a single far rate of \$22.50 and sleeping-car rate of \$4. Three private cars will go through to Nashville and the party will visit en route Detroit, Toledo, Cincinnati and the Mammoth Cave. All delegates will be entertained by the people of Nashville.

The number of delegates is limited and all who desire to attend must notify the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. before February 10th. This is a rare opportunity for men who wish to study the student problems of to-day and to learn the part they can play in the evangelization of the world.



## CHRIST AND MODERN CULTURE

One of the most remarkable of the University sermon series was delivered by Prof. MacNaughton of Queen's. In the midst of close thought, terse epigrammatic flashes abounded. Christ did not remove the primal curse, which is not the curse of labor, but the unwillingness to do it. Toronto has seen a revival which curiously combined modern business methods with the thought modes of the Paleolithic Age. A divided allegiance is what Jesus most disdains. He will not enter a mind which in order to let him in must deny its guardian, Reason, on the threshold. Is it possible for us University men to be perfectly honest? If we are to begin to belong to Jesus we must first of all be honest in religion and in thought. From the unsatisfactory realizations of Christianity in creeds and churches let us appeal to the Christ Himself.



Pennsylvania received in gifts and endowments last year \$1,300,000. The University now has thirty-two buildings.

## CARPING CRITICISM

Most people, students included, follow the blind god of Custom. As a case in point, consider the constant covert criticism of the staff around this University,—not because the critics have any serious grievance, but merely because it is the custom to criticize. Were the opposite custom to prevail, those who now criticize would as readily eulogize. Speaking of a certain department a graduate recently remarked, "There has got to be a revolution for things cannot go on as they are." But things will likely go on just as they are for, after all, things around here are not half bad. And even if the conditions were as unsatisfactory as the chronic critics and grunting grumblers affirm, why publish our defects? Each kick leaves a scar. Each subtle innuendo in private conversation biases a mind. Captious censure carelessly circulated comes to be credited. It is small wonder if outsiders conclude that there is something really rotten in the state of Denmark. Charges of professional inefficiency empty no chairs—except it be the students benches. Each candid confession and roorbach rumor is a feather in the gaudy cap of Queen's. Undergraduates are not the chief offenders, as they usually confine their criticism to professors outside their own faculty or course concerning whom they know little. It rather seems to be the peculiar privilege of a graduate to draw himself up to the full length of his elongated stature, confidently criticize, and proudly pronounce the doom awaiting everything in general. 'Tis wonderful how the callow critics can love,—as they publicly profess to do,—such a lamentably inefficient institution as their Alma Mater. Let western wisdom point the moral and adorn the tale:—

"If you can't boost, don't knock."

Censor Censorum.



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Young Willy from his father fled  
Upset his mother's pan of bread.  
Oh! How much dough will Willy knead  
Before he is well bread indeed.